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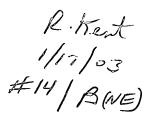
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For: MULTILAYER GOLF BALL WITH HOOP-

STRESS LAYER

## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry and consideration during the examination of the above-identified application.

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

A marked up version of the revised claims, showing insertions and deletions, is included in Appendix A. Please amend the claims as follows:

- 9. (Twice Amended) The golf ball of claim 2, wherein the encapsulating shell comprises a first encapsulating layer and a second encapsulating layer, and wherein the hoopstress layer is disposed between the first and second encapsulating layers.
- 18. (Amended) The golf ball of claim 13, wherein the at least one material has a first cross-sectional area, and wherein the activation of the binding material creates a second cross-sectional area greater than the first.
  - 43. (Amended) A golf ball comprising:

a core;

a hoop-stress layer wrapped about the core comprising:

at least one strand having a first cross-sectional area;

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a binding material applied to the at least one strand prior to wrapping about the core to increase the first cross-sectional area by about 5 percent or greater; and

a cover.